

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 5th October 2011, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor T Proffitt (Chairman)
Councillor D Howard
Councillor R Stimpson
Councillor I Aldous
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor A Carroll

Apologies:

Councillor M Summers (Vice Chairman)

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Ward Councillor H Gawler attended this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor D Howard, T Proffitt and M Summers are Trustees to the Wickwar Educational and General Charities.

All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the King George V Playing Fields.

Councillor D Howard is the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor D Howard is a member of the Castle Bridleways Group.

Councillor T Proffitt is the Chairman of the Quarry Liaison Group.

Councillor A Carroll has the grass cutting contract for the Parish Cemetery.

Public Time Session

Parishioners from Turnpike Gate attended this meeting to address the Council regarding their planning application to include amenity land surrounding their property into their garden and extend the wall to the path. They handed the Chairman a letter which was read at the meeting. Decision to be made by SGC Planning Dept. and Highways.

Parishioners attending wished to discuss the Planning Application associated with the play equipment already erected in the Buthay Public House garden. Parishioners are concerned as the licensee of the Public House has moved out. Councillor Gawler will speak to the residents.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th September 2011 were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. Matters arising

Buthay Lease – Letter received from Merlin Housing on the 12th September 2011. Reply will be sent to Merlin after approval by the Parish Council and Solicitor Mr P Eales.

Wickwar Educational Charities – Meeting arranged for the 24th October 2011.

Parish Councillor Vacancy – Mr S Isaac and Mrs A Carroll were accepted as co-opted members of Wickwar Parish Council. Councillors Isaac and Carroll signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were given the Register of Members Interests, to be completed and sent to SGC Monitoring Officer (Code of Conduct) within 28 days of the Councillors taking Office.

Councillor A Carroll cuts the grass at the Parish Cemeteries, this will be declared as an Interest and due process concerning the Code of Conduct will be followed.

Parish Council nomination for the Community Centre Committee –

Councillor Isaac will attend the Community Centre Management Committee meeting to be held on Monday 10th October 2011.

3. Planning Matters

COM/11/0370/COU - Hall End Gypsy Site

Alleged. Site is not being used as per planning permissions.

PK11/2678/F – Willow Cottages, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation.

No objection

PK11/2203/MW – Wickwar Quarry, Downs Road, Wickwar

Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission P87/2277 to allow retention and operation of the concrete block manufacturing until December 2024.

No objection

PK11/2202/MW – Wickwar Quarry, Downs Road, Wickwar

Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission N8670 to allow the retention of the processing plant until December 2024

No objection

PK11/2377/F – 85 Inglestone Road, Wickwar

Erection of front porch

No objection

PK11/1663/ADV – 16- 22 High Street, Wickwar – Wilcox & Sons Garage

Display 2 internally illuminating fascia signs and one internally illuminated hanging sign.

No objection

PK11/2288/MW – Wickwar Quarry Downs Road, Wickwar

Temporary secondary aggregates re-cycling facility for a period of three years.

(Adjoining Parish notification

Comments.

PK11/2187/LB – Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Church Lane, Wickwar

Internal and external repairs and alterations to include repointing of toilet block and repair of ceiling.

No objection

PK11/2228/F – The Buthay Inn

Erection of play equipment (retrospective)

Objection

PK11/2810/F – Archfield House, Station Road, Wickwar

Creation of new vehicular access

No objection

PK11/2742/F – 53 Turnpike Gate, Wickwar

Change of use of land from amenity land to residential curtilage. Erection of boundary garden wall and raised decking area with balustrade.

Objection

PK11/2702/F - 21 Station Road, Wickwar

Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation.

No objection

PK11/2975/F – Oxwick Farm, Wickwar Road, Yate

Removal of one 'modern' chimney and reinstatement of two original chimneys.

PK11/2976/LB – Oxwick Farm, Wickwar Road, Yate

External and internal alterations to include demolition, alteration and addition of internal partitions. Installation of services, under floor heating, wiring, plumbing. Replacement of 3 doors to match original elevations, removal of 1 window and replacement door in original location, removal of 1 modern chimney and reinstatement of two original chimneys

PK11/0602/F – West End Farm, West End Wickwar

Conversion of Agricultural building to form agricultural workers dwelling.

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Hall End Gypsy site. Work has been undertaken installing kerb stones on the entrance, but there has been no work on site. SGC are monitoring the situation. Proposed Gypsy site at Tan House Lane has met with a lot of local opposition. Discussion was underway on the way South Glos Council will be run, it may return to Committee Decisions.

SGC Budgets for 2012/2013 Central Government report Council Tax will not increase April 2012.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleways Group – It has now been acknowledged by SGC/Commons Management that the alleged damage to Plummers Trench by people using the

Common has been done by the water course running down the trench into the Little Avon River.

Ward Councillor H Gawler says that SGC will have to take some legal advice on Commons Law and access rights regarding Plummers Trench but this will take time and money.

Wickwar Parish Council's comment is that SGC can find the money instantly for a gate and fencing at the bottom of Plummers Trench but cannot find any funds for advice.

ALCA - AGM 13th October 2011, 7.00pm – Long Ashton Community Centre, Jubilee Pavilion.

Parish Councillors – List of responsibilities – To be discussed at the Councils November meeting.

SGC Part Night Lighting Scheme – Wickwar Parish Council decision to support this scheme. The scheme could be in place by the middle of November 2011. The Clerk will put a note in the Parish Magazine to this effect and write to SGC.

Items for Information

. Register of correspondence received (see attached)

No comment at this meeting.

6. Reports

- Quarry Liaison Group meeting – Meeting 28th September 2011. Planning Applications discussed, and complaints log. Gullies along the Downs Road need to be dug out to help prevent 'puddles' forming when there is a heavy rain down pour. This matter will be reported to SGC. Next meeting 25th January 2012.
- Frome Vale Area Forum – 8th September 2011, meeting attended by Councillor R Stimpson.
- Speed Watch – Application 19.8.11 to SSGC Fund for a Speed Gun.
- Youth Club – No report at this meeting.
- Safer & Stronger Community Group – Meeting 12th October, Rangeworthy Parish Hall.

Councillor Proffitt attended a Chair/Vice Chairman's meeting to discuss possible improvements to the meeting format. The themes are driven by the public attending the meetings.

- Neighbourhood Watch – No report at this meeting.
- Parish Walk/Footpaths – Walk undertaken 18th September 2011, no immediate problems.

The Council will investigate a problem reported of a bridleway being obstructed in the Birds Bush Lane area. The Council will document the problem, take photographs if necessary and present the case to SGC.

- Village Hall – No report at this meeting.

- Community Centre – Meeting 10th October 2011
- Town Hall – Clock serviced 15th September 2011, Cumbria Clock Company.
- King George V Playing Fields
 - Committee meeting date 27th September 2011.
 - To discuss Pavilion Plans (Architect Mr D Sullivan unwell at the present time)
 - KGV Football/Cricket pitch weed treatment – Grant applied for by the Football and Cricket Clubs £495.00. Both clubs have submitted spending on the fields for 2011.
Councillor S Isaac proposed a grant of £300.00, seconded by Councillor A Carroll. All in favour, therefore the motion was carried.
 - Sign for opening and closing KGV gate has been sought. To be ratified at the Councils November meeting.

7. Burial Matters

Burial conditions to be discussed at the Council's November meeting.

8. Accounts

Monthly Accounts

Letter from Nat West Bank – Review of Customer information, passed to Councillor Summers and to be reviewed at the Council's November meeting.

Cheques signed at this meeting

Cumbria Clock Company	£156.00
P Trull – (BT phone Account)	£84.77
A Carroll – Grass Cut Cemeteries September	£180.00
A Carroll (internet Gardner) Daffodil Bulbs Cemetery	£37.91
Edge Designs – finance Support per annum	£129.60
S Trull (BT Broad Band July – October)	£44.00

Income August 2011

Grimes & Goscombe Memorial	£63.00
Hire of Town Hall	£5.00
Hire of Town Hall	£10.00

Standing Orders/Direct Debits October 2011

Clerks Salary October 2011	£782.95
N Power – Town Hall	£61.00
Information Commissioner (Data Protection)	£35.00

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm